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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1909.

## CROSSINGS CLEAN.

One of the surprises Saturday  
morning was to find the street cross-  
ings clean. Mayor Hughes is respon-  
sible for this innovation. Late Friday  
evening he began the work with a  
hose attached to fire plugs, the work  
was quickly done.

The streets remain a slush of mud  
and water, but the crossings are per-  
fectly clean.

This work illustrates how easily it  
is to abate a nuisance when the prop-  
er means are used.

## ILLITERACY IN KENTUCKY.

The Louisville Evening Post has  
the following instructive editorial on  
illiteracy in Kentucky:

"The Evening Post wishes to cor-  
rect certain statistics relative to il-  
literacy in Kentucky. It is frequen-  
tly said that the negro population of  
our State helps rather than impairs  
the standing of the State as to illit-  
eracy, the usual deduction being that  
there are more illiterate whites than  
negroes in Kentucky.

Exactly the contrary is the fact.  
The negro population of Kentucky is  
better educated than the similar popu-  
lation is in the States of the far  
South, but illiteracy is more general  
among the blacks in Kentucky than  
among the whites.

Comparisons relative to illiteracy  
made by the United States Census  
Bureau, the authority upon such mat-  
ters, are made of children between  
ten and fourteen years of age. The  
Census Bureau states that this is the  
only safe basis for comparison.

Taking this as a basis the govern-  
ment reports show that in 1900 there  
are among every 1,000 white chil-  
dren of this age in Kentucky 74.6  
illiterates. The 1,000 colored chil-  
dren in Kentucky there are 149.4 illit-  
erates.

Thus it will be seen that among the  
children of school age in Kentucky  
the proportion of illiteracy among the  
negroes is just twice as large as  
among the whites.

When the whole population is taken  
into consideration, the figures are  
not so complete, but as far as they  
are furnished they show that the ne-  
gro children of Kentucky are much  
better educated as compared to the  
adult negro population than are the  
whites. This is natural, for public  
school education has not been gen-  
erally extended to the negroes for so  
many years.

Figures shown the Evening Post  
by Superintendent Mark of the School  
Board, indicate that in proportion to  
the population, taking the whole white  
and the whole negro population into  
consideration, there are three illit-  
erate negroes to every white.

fusion exist that the negroes of Ken-  
tucky are better educated than the  
whites? For this simple reason: It  
is shown in the report of the govern-  
ment that when the total popula-  
tion of all the States is taken into  
consideration Kentucky has a better  
relative standing in the table of the  
States in the matter of illiteracy than  
when only the white population of the  
States is considered.

The reason for this is plain. The  
negroes of Kentucky are better edu-  
cated than the negroes of the South-  
ern States. The people of Kentucky  
have been and still are more gener-  
ous with the school funds for negro  
education.

As in the States of the far South,  
the negroes contribute but a small  
amount proportionately to the school  
fund, but the whites of Kentucky  
nevertheless give largely of the school  
fund to the cause of negro education.  
Thus where Kentucky had 149.4 ne-  
gro illiterates for the 1,000 Mississ-  
ippi has 322.3, Alabama has 446.1,  
West Virginia 347.5. This better edu-  
cated condition of the blacks in  
Kentucky alters the standing of the  
State when comparisons are made  
between the whites only of some  
States. But if the negroes were not  
in Kentucky, the total percentage of  
illiteracy in Kentucky would be much  
smaller.

To make the point clear we will  
compare the States of Kentucky and  
Florida. In the comparative table of  
States it will be seen that when the  
whole population of both States is  
taken into consideration Kentucky  
has the better standing in the point  
of illiteracy. But if only the whites  
of Florida and the whites of Ken-  
tucky are compared Florida stands  
better.

To the 1,000 Kentucky has 74.6  
white illiterates and 149.4 negro illit-  
erates. To the 1,000 people Florida  
has 69.4 white illiterates and 234.4  
negro illiterates. Thus the whites of  
Florida are slightly better educated  
than the whites of Kentucky, but the  
vastly better condition of our negro  
population as compared with the ne-  
gro population of Florida gives our  
State a better standing when the en-  
tire populations are compared.

Educational conditions in our State  
can and should be greatly improved,  
but as a State we have no reason to  
feel ashamed of the fact that we edu-  
cate the negroes of Kentucky better  
than any other State in which the ne-  
groes for ma large part of the popu-  
lation.

The two tables of comparison are  
there misleading. We refer to them  
not to lessen popular condemnation of  
illiteracy, but that actual facts may  
be grasped, which is that if our white  
population has been so neglected that  
we fall below the scale of New En-  
gland, and slightly below Florida, one  
reason is we have a large negro popu-  
lation, which New England has not,  
and so instead of concentrating our  
money on white education we have  
shared it with the blacks, and we  
have succeeded in reducing black il-  
literacy to one-half the figures of oth-  
er Southern States."

## OUR FIREMEN.

The fire department of this city has  
been put to two severe tests recently.  
The burning of the Court View Hotel  
at 3 a. m., January 7th., and the  
Gaines livery stable Saturday morn-  
ing, January 16th.

In both instances, the department  
did excellent service, not only in sub-  
duing the flames, but in the protection  
of other property. As the department  
is made up of volunteers, the men  
getting no pay for their services, we  
suggest that the citizens take some  
appropriate action to show their ap-  
preciation of the services rendered.  
We will gladly join in a substantial  
way to promote a movement to that  
end.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### J. A. HUGHES, For Mayor.

We are authorized to announce  
as a candidate for Mayor, subject to  
the action of the Democratic party.

### For City Judge.

We are authorized to announce  
**JUDGE F. P. PENDLETON,**  
as a candidate for City Judge, sub-  
ject to the action of the Democratic  
party.

## FLOOD DANGER PASSES

Damage in California Will Not Aggre-  
gate Large Sum.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Beyond  
the destruction of the Southern Pa-  
cific bridges at Sacramento and the  
Western Pacific crossing near here,  
the damage resulting from the great  
rainstorm that has deluged the cen-  
tral part of California for the last  
week is slight. The storm is passing  
to the eastward and northward, hav-  
ing apparently crossed the mountains  
to the eastern slope of the Sierras,  
and it is hoped that no further dam-  
age will result.

The principal danger is about Sacra-  
mento and Stockton, where an im-  
mense spread of farming land will be  
under water if the levees give way.

The Western Pacific bridge over  
the American river at Sacramento  
went out so suddenly that the engine  
and six cars of a gravel train were  
carried down with it, and the engi-  
neer lost his life.

### In the House.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Private bills  
had their innings in the house of rep-  
resentatives, almost the whole ses-  
sion being given up to their consid-  
eration. Many were passed. Under  
a resolution offered by Mr. Gaines  
(Tenn.) the judiciary committee was  
directed to report within 10 days  
upon the question of the right of  
George L. Lilley, governor of Con-  
necticut, to retain his seat as a mem-  
ber of the house. The subject occa-  
sioned a good deal of debate, which  
at times waxed warm.

### Rockefeller Reaches Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 16.—John D.  
Rockefeller and party, numbering 14,  
arrived here for a stay of several  
weeks. The party included Mrs. S.  
L. Spellman and Miss McCormick.

## HATTERS EXPECT TO HAVE BITTER FIGHT

Abolition of Union Label Said to  
Be Part of Scheme.

Danbury, Conn., Jan. 16.—Except  
for the unusually large crowds of  
men on the streets there was nothing  
to indicate that the employees of 26  
of Danbury's hat factories, which are  
operated by members of the Associ-  
ated Hat Manufacturers, left their  
places in protest against the action  
of the manufacturers in disallowing  
further use of the union labels in the  
hats made by them.

In this city and in Bethel between  
3,500 and 4,000 men and women are  
out, while the total of idle union hat-  
ters in Connecticut is close to 5,000.

Among the men the opinion pre-  
vails that the developments mark the  
beginning of a long drawn out strug-  
gle, but the journeymen seemed dis-  
posed, so far as can be learned, to  
stand by their officers.

## MUST COME IN REGULAR

Government Can Make No Exception  
In Favor of Earthquake Refugees.

Washington, Jan. 16.—At the de-  
partment of commerce and labor  
nothing official is known of the pro-  
position the Duke Pompeio Littia of  
Lombardy made to the Italian am-  
bassador at Paris for the colonization  
of 5,000 of the refugees of Messina on  
an estate owned by the duke in  
Florida.

It is said at the department that  
it will be necessary for the refugees  
to come to this country under the  
same conditions as other immigrants  
come to the United States.

### Bought Land Under Guif.

Columbus, O., Jan. 16.—A bottle of  
salt water from the Gulf of Mexico  
was exhibited in the case of Russell  
Iams against R. Morrison filed in the  
supreme court from Sandusky county.  
Iams is suing for \$10,000 to recover  
on some land which he purchased  
down south which, upon investiga-  
tion, turned out to be a part of the  
Gulf of Mexico. He lost in the lower  
courts.

### Find Frozen Body on Track.

Lorain, O., Jan. 16.—The body of  
Otto Blattner was found in a snow  
drift near Sunnyside, on the Lake  
Shore Electric railway, between this  
city and Vermillion. The corpse was  
frozen stiff. Blattner, in company  
with friends, came to this city Mon-  
day, and was on his way to his home  
in Vermillion when he left the car at  
Sunnyside.

## THE MEAT OF IT.

Mrs. Nathan Sherrard and four  
children were burned to death at a  
lumber camp near Ashland, Wis.

Colonel William F. Tucker, son-in-  
law of the late John A. Logan, has  
been ordered to appear before the  
army retiring board.

The house of representatives has  
granted the franking privilege to  
Mrs. Benjamin Harrison and Mrs.  
Grove Cleveland.

The total number of miners killed  
at the latest Lick Branch catastrophe  
was 65.

Emma Goldman and Ben Reitman,  
anarchy's leaders in America, are in  
jail at San Francisco on charges of  
attempting to incite riots.

Matilda Echid, 45, was shot to  
death near Salt Lake, Utah, while  
reading her Bible, by Alexander Car-  
bon, 30, who is thought to be de-  
mented.

## SOUTH WINS TAFT

The President-elect Makes Felicitous  
Speech at Banquet.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 16.—In his speech  
at the chamber of commerce banquet  
President-elect Taft said with feeling  
that he was proud to have been the  
first Republican candidate for the  
presidency who had carried his cam-  
paign south of Mason and Dixon's line.

The Spanish war, the attitude of  
McKinley, the succession of Roose-  
velt with his Georgian mother, were  
assigned by the speaker as some of  
the causes which have led to changed  
conditions in the south whereby to-  
day expression of any political view  
is possible without involving social  
ostracism.

Among other things he said: "I ob-  
serve that among some prominent  
members of congress there is a dis-  
position to charge me with an at-  
tempt to win the south over to Re-  
publicanism, and a somewhat con-  
temptuous expression of opinion that  
this is utterly impossible. To them  
I could say that I am not hopeful of  
winning the south over, as they say,  
but that the south has succeeded in  
winning me."

Judge Taft said the work of the  
next administration is to be a work  
of creation and construction. "Of  
course," he continued, "the imme-  
diate great work of the administra-  
tion must be the revision of the tar-  
iff. In that work the south is quite  
as much interested as the north and  
should have an honest and genuine  
revision such as promised by the  
party in power."

He assured the southern people  
that "no interest of the south, wheth-  
er it share that interest with north,  
or whether it is a peculiar interest of  
its own, will be neglected in the con-  
duct of the government insofar as  
that conduct shall be under the con-  
trol of its chief executive."

## VENEZUELA READ TO ADJUST CLAIMS

Commissioner Buchanan Reports  
Agreement in Sight.

Washington, Jan. 16.—After years  
of patient waiting on the part of the  
United States there is a prospect for  
the settlement, by a method satisfac-  
tory to this country, of the disputed  
claims with Venezuela, the refusal of  
which government to arbitrate them  
resulting last spring in the breaking  
of friendly relations between the two  
countries.

The state department announced  
that W. I. Buchanan, the special com-  
missioner who has been in Venezuela  
for several weeks negotiating these  
cases, had reported that he had  
reached the basis of an agreement  
for their settlement, and that a pro-  
tocol to that effect was now being  
drawn up for signature. Presumpti-  
vely the case will go to the interna-  
tional court of arbitration at The  
Hague.

## Music Teacher Elopes.

Wellington, O., Jan. 16.—Miss Mina  
Root, Pittsfield music teacher, be-  
trothed to a man urged upon her by  
her parents, but with her heart whol-  
ly given to a poorer man, followed the  
dictates of love. On the day before  
that set for her wedding to Wal-  
ter Gifford she eloped with Herman  
Worcester, former employe on her  
father's farm, was married to him in  
Elyria and started as his bride to his  
home in Oklahoma.

## RINEHART GUILTY

Waynesburg (Pa.) Banker Draws Fif-  
teen-Year Sentence.

Pittsburg, Jan. 16.—J. B. F. Rine-  
hart, former cashier and vice pres-  
ident of the Farmers' and Drovers'  
National bank of Waynesburg, Pa.,  
which institution failed over two  
years ago for \$2,000,000, was found  
guilty of wrecking the bank, and was  
immediately sentenced to serve 15  
years in the penitentiary by United  
States Judge James S. Young.

## Runaway Scatters Contraband Beer.

Marion, O., Jan. 16.—As a result of  
a runaway local liverman's sleigh  
was wrecked and a large quantity of  
bottled beer was strewn in the city  
streets. The outfit was let to a  
stranger. Where he was thrown out  
and what became of him is a mys-  
tery to the liverman and the police.  
The latter would like to know where  
he got the beer in dry territory.

## Seven Players Reinstated.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 16.—Announce-  
ment of reinstatement for seven play-  
ers was made by the national base-  
ball commission. The players are  
Frank Smith, John A. Donahue, G.  
Harris White, Jacob Atz, Fred Olm-  
sted, L. H. Felne and Nick Altrock,  
who participated in games against  
the Logan Square club of Chicago last  
fall.

## Refuse Receiver For Bank.

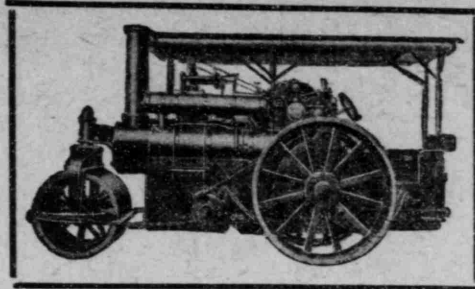
Cleveland, O., Jan. 16.—Judge Col-  
lister of common pleas court refused  
to appoint a receiver for the Depos-  
itors' Savings and Trust company,  
the bank of which Mayor Tom John-  
son was president.

## Columbus Singers Honored.

Columbus, O., Jan. 16.—The Colum-  
bus Republican Glee club received an  
invitation from Secretary Loeb to  
sing at the White House on the af-  
ternoon of March 3, preceding the in-  
auguration.

# Clark County Construction Co.

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will on February 17th, pay  
\$5.00

to the person who first supplies the greatest number of the missing  
words in the advertisement given below. Mail the slip with the miss-  
ing words inserted to Puzzle Department, Winchester News. You  
may have as many trials as you have slips. Slips will be printed each  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until February 15th. The Editor of  
The News has the advertisement in his possession in a sealed package  
and the seal will not be broken until the night of Feb. 15, '09.

(Fill blank and mail to Puzzle Department, Winchester News.)

It will — worth — for —  
these —, but a policy of —, in — of —  
— Agency will be — every — it — for.  
JOUETT'S INSURANCE AGENCY.  
Name .....  
P. O. Address .....  
Received ..... M....., 1909.

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W. H. GARNETT, Dean.

WINCHESTER, KY.

## A NATIVE WRITES.

To the Editor of the News:—

In reading the Winchester News  
Friday night I suppose I got a com-  
plete report of the proceedings of  
the Commercial Club meeting, and  
after reading the full report, I  
found myself asking some ques-  
tions like this: Why would not  
a body of practical business men  
like that spend at least some of its  
time devising ways and means of  
removing the mud from Main street  
instead of the jail from its present  
location. And why would they not  
devote themselves to the immedi-  
ate necessity of making Main street  
passable for a one horse buggy in-  
stead of talking about buying some  
of the Bob Winn property to widen  
the street.

And, Mr. Editor, don't you know  
they made a lot of suggestions  
about taking certain precautions  
to make good impressions and to  
avoid any and all possibilities of  
offense to a prospective investor  
and then adjourned without tak-  
ing any steps or making any pro-  
vision to protect the present City  
Council while it may be in session.  
Just think what would happen if  
that would-be investor should find  
the august body in session just  
once. Hoping that Winchester  
will see better days, I sign  
One Who Loves his Birthplace.

## PREPARING WELCOME FOR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Mr. Lewis Hampton and Other Uni-  
versity of Virginia Gradu-  
ates Consulting.

Mr. Lewis R. Hampton went to  
Lexington Saturday morning to meet  
Mr. Charles Brent and a few other  
alumni of the University of Virginia,  
to talk up the reception to be given  
the Dramatic Club of the University  
which is coming to Lexington, Febru-  
ary 10 to put on a comic opera. The  
old University of Virginia boys in the  
Blue Grass are going to make the oc-  
casion a notable event.

## Commissioner's Sale.

CLARK CIRCUIT COURT, KY.

Thomas L. Holliday, et al, Plff's.

vs. Notice of sale

Lloyd Brown Holliday, et al Deft's.

Pursuant to judgment rendered by  
the Clark Circuit Court in the above  
styled action at its December term,  
1908, I, as Master Commissioner of  
said Court, will offer for sale at pub-  
lic auction to the highest bidder at  
the Court House door in Winchester,  
Kentucky, on

Monday, January 25th, 1909.

(County Court Day), at 2 o'clock p.

m., or thereabout on credits of six

and twelve months, lot No. 4 in the

division of the lands of Benjamin

F. Holliday, deceased, situated on

the waters of Howard's Lower Creek

in Clark county, Kentucky and

bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone corner to

Thomas L. Holliday and Joseph L.

Brown (see fig. 1. on the map) run-

ning thence with a line of said Brown

S., 59 1-4; W., 62 5-10 poles to a

stone corner to fractional lot No. 5-

at letter A; thence with a line of frac-

tional lot No. 5, S., 27—32; E.,

74 64-100 poles to a stone corner to

said fractional lot in a line of Thom-

as Ragland at B; thence N., 57 3-4;

E., 32 7-10 poles to a stone corner

to said Ragland at 6; thence N.,

9 3-4; E., 4 4-10 poles to a stake cor-

ner to said Ragland and Thomas L.

Holliday at 7; thence N., 5; W.,

35 54-100 poles to a stone corner

to said Holliday at 8; thence N., 67;

E., 21 58-100 poles to a stone corner

to same at 9; thence N. 38 1-2; W.,

41 12-100 poles to the beginning,

containing 25 acres of land.

The purchaser will be required to

give bonds with approved security

payable to said Commissioner bear-

ing legal interest from day of sale

and having the force and effect of

judgment. A lien will be retained on

said land until the purchase money is

all paid. Bidders will be required to